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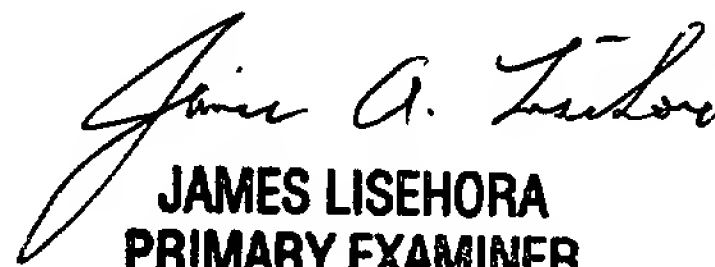
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The Amended Appeal Brief filed November 17, 1997 has been entered. The copy of appealed claims 1-21 in the appendix of the Amended Appeal Brief is correct. The Amended Appeal Brief differs from the previously filed Appeal Brief only in that it includes a new appendix with the required underlining and bracketing. Accordingly, no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jim Lisehora at telephone number (703) 308-2145.

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